

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claims 20, 27 and 29 are pending after the foregoing amendments.

Claims 21, 28 and 31-38 drawn to the nonelected invention are cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 20 is amended without prejudice to incorporate the limitations of claim 30, including the Examiner's suggested wording.

The title has been rewritten as suggested by the Examiner.

All grounds of rejection and objection are deemed to be overcome by the foregoing amendments.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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